

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A method of displaying character information together with a synthesized sound, the character information being associated with a tag, the method comprising the steps of:

- A) recognizing the tag associated with the character information;
- B) displaying the character information on a screen after the tag is recognized in step A;
- C) comparing the tag recognized in step A with a predetermined tag; and
- D) producing a synthesized sound from the character information for a predetermined period while the character information is being displayed on the screen if the two tags match in step C, and not producing any sound from the character information while the character information is being displayed on the screen when the two tags do not match in step C.

Claim 2-8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The ~~voice-synthesis~~ method of displaying character information together with a synthesized sound according to claim 1, wherein the character information reserved by the recognized tag is displayed on a screen.

Claim 10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The method of displaying character information together with a synthesized sound according to claim 1, wherein the tag includes a pair of symbols such as < and >, and an indication bracketed by the pair of symbols.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The method of displaying character information together with a ~~synthesized~~ synthesized sound according to claim 11, further including the steps of:

- E) recognizing a content of the indication in the tag;
- F) comparing the content of the indication recognized in step E with a content of predetermined indication; and
- G) starting or ending production of the synthesized sound when the two contents match in step F.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The method of displaying character information together with a synthesized sound according to claim 11, further including the steps of:

- H) comparing the indication in the tag with a predetermined indication on the basis of a predetermined logic condition; and
- I) starting or ending production of the synthesized sound when the predetermined logic condition is met as a result of the comparison in step H.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): A method of producing a synthesized sound from a transmitted information, said transmitted information including a pair of symbols such as < and >, control information bracketed in said pair of symbols, and display information associated with a combination of said pair of symbols and control information, said method comprising the steps of:

- A) recognizing said pair of symbols;
- B) comparing the control information in said pair of symbols recognized in step A with predetermined control information; and
- C) producing a synthesized sound from the display information when the two control information match in step B.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 14, further including the step of displaying the display information on a screen, regardless of a comparison result of step B.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 14, wherein the display information includes at least one word.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): A method of producing a synthesized sound from transmitted information, said transmitted information including a first pair of symbols such as < and >, first control information bracketed in said first pair of symbols, a second pair of symbols such as < and >, second control information bracketed in said second pair of symbols, and

display information sandwiched between said first pair of symbols bracketing said first control information and said second pair of symbols bracketing said second control information, said method comprising the steps of:

A) recognizing said first pair of symbols;

B) comparing the first control information in said first pair of symbols recognized in step A with predetermined first control information; and

C) starting production of a synthesized sound from the display information when the first control information and the predetermined control information match in step B.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The method of producing a synthesized sound from transmitted information according to claim 17, further including the steps of:

D) recognizing said second pair of symbols after step C;

E) comparing the second control information in said second pair of symbols recognized in step D with predetermined second control information; and

F) stopping production of synthesized sound from the display information when the two second control information match in step E.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The method of producing a synthesized sound from transmitted information according to claim 18, further including the step of displaying the display information on a screen, regardless of a comparison result of step B.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The method of producing a synthesized sound from transmitted information according to claim 18, wherein the display information includes at least one word.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): A method of displaying character information included in transmitted information together with a synthesized sound, the method comprising the steps of:

- A) determining if a tag associated with the character information;
- B) prohibiting production of a synthesized sound from the character information if the tag is not associated with the character information in step A;
- C) prohibiting displaying of the character information if the tag is not recognized in step A;
- D) displaying the character information on a screen when the tag is recognized in step A;
- E) comparing the tag recognized in step A with a predetermined tag; and
- F) producing a synthesized sound from the character information for a predetermined period while the character information is being displayed on the screen if the two tags match in step E, and not producing any sound from the character information while the character information is being displayed on the screen when the two tags do not match in step E.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 21, wherein the tag includes a pair of symbols such as < and >, and an indication bracketed by the pair of symbols.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 22 further including the steps of:

G) recognizing a content of the indication in the tag;

H) comparing the content of the indication recognized in step G with a content of a predetermined indication; and

I) starting or ending production of the synthesized sound when the two contents match in step H.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 22 further including the steps of:

J) comparing the indication in the tag with a predetermined indication on the basis of a predetermined logic condition; and

K) starting or ending production of the synthesized sound when the predetermined logic condition is met as a result of comparison in step J.